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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Communication mailed October 23, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In The Claims

Please delete Claims 3-14.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claim 5 is objected to because of a typographical error. Claims 3 and 6-14 were rejected under 35 USC § 112. Claims 3-14 have been deleted and require no further review.

Rejected under 35 USC § 103 - Claims 1-14

Claims 1014 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishibashi in view of Bush. The Ishibashi reference discloses a shaft coupling structure for a split type drive shaft having an internally splined female shaft and externally splined male shaft coaxially receive in the female shaft to establish a spline connection. The Bush reference discloses a lamination stack assembly comprising elongated resilient spring members for exerting radially outward force when in deformed states.

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